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RE: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 10-90/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of Support for High-cost and Mobility Fund Pursuant to 47 C.F. R. § 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F. R. § 54.314, the Nebraska Public Service Commission hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission and the Universal Service Administrative Company that the telecommunications carriers included in this letter and the attached Nebraska Commission Orders, are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited and also support for the Mobility Fund, for the program years cited.

The Nebraska Public Service Commission certifies for the carriers listed, all high-cost and Mobility Fund support provided to such carriers within Nebraska, was used in the preceding calendar year of 2018, and will be used in the coming calendar year of 2020, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.

Check ☒ if list of certified carriers is attached. (Commission Orders attached)

Sincerely,

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September 18, 2019

CERTIFICATION

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Mike Hybl, Executive Director of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, hereby certify that the enclosed is a true and correct copy of the original order made and entered in the proceeding docketed as Application No. NUSF-25, Progression Order 39/NUSF-66, on the 17th day of September, 2019. The original order is filed and recorded in the official records of the Commission.

Please direct any questions concerning this order to Cullen Robbins, Director, at 402-471-3101.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Seal of the Nebraska Public Service Commission, Lincoln, Nebraska, this 18th day of September, 2019.

Sincerely,

Mike Hybl
Executive Director

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Enclosure

cc: Nebraska High-Cost Carriers

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SECRETARY'S RECORD, NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

BEFORE THE NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

In the Matter of the Nebraska) APPLICATION NO. NUSF-25
Public Service Commission, on) Progression Order No. 39
its own motion, seeking to)
establish guidelines for the)
purpose of certifying the use)
of federal universal service)
support.)

In the Matter of the Nebraska) APPLICATION NO. NUSF-66
Public Service Commission, on)
its own motion, seeking to)
establish guidelines for the) ORDER
purpose of certifying the use)
of state universal service)
support.) Entered: September 17, 2019

BY THE COMMISSION:

O P I N I O N A N D F I N D I N G S

1. On May 15, 2007, the Nebraska Public Service Commission (Commission) established a detailed process for verifying whether all federal high-cost support was, in the preceding year, and in the next calendar year, used for the intended purpose pursuant to Section 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996; and whether all state high-cost support was and would be used for its intended purpose pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 86-324. See Application Nos. NUSF-25/NUSF-66, Progression Order #18 (May 15, 2007). Consistent with the Commission's findings, all designated eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) and all Nebraska designated eligible telecommunications carriers (NETCs)¹ receiving high-cost support were required to file historical and prospective documentation describing their use of federal and state high-cost universal service support. These annual filings are due on June 1st of each year.

2. On November 18, 2011, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) issued its Universal Service and Inter-carrier

¹ The Commission designates ETCs as eligible to receive federal high-cost universal service fund support pursuant to the Federal Telecommunications Act of 1996. The Commission designates NETCs as eligible to receive state high-cost universal service fund support pursuant to the Nebraska Telecommunications Universal Service Fund Act (NTUSF).

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Compensation Transformation Order (Transformation Order)² which, *inter alia*, modified the certification requirements for ETCs. Among the changes 47 C.F.R. § 54.314 requires state commissions, after conducting a detailed review of ETC's historical and prospective documentation describing the use of federal universal service support, to determine whether universal service support was used for its intended purpose in the preceding calendar year and will be used for its intended purpose in the following calendar year.

3. Upon completion of its review, the Commission finds that the following carriers have filed adequate information, demonstrating that they have used all federal high-cost support in the preceding calendar year, and will continue to use all federal high-cost universal service support in the coming year for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which support is intended, pursuant to 47 C.F.R § 54.314 (2015) and WC Docket Nos. 14-58 and 10-90:

<u>COMPANY NAME</u>	<u>STUDY AREA CODE</u> (SAC)
Allo Communications, LLC	379010
Arapahoe Telephone Company	371516
Arlington Telephone Company	371517
Benkelman Telephone Company	372455
Blair Telephone Company	371524
Cambridge Telephone Company	371526
Citizens Telecommunications / Frontier NE	371128
Clarks Telecommunications Company	371531
Consolidated Telco, Inc.	371530
Consolidated Telecom, Inc. fmly Home Telephone and Eustis Telephone	371562
Consolidated Telephone Company	371532
Cozad Telephone Co.	371534
Curtis Telephone Co.	371536
Dalton Telephone Co., Inc.	371537
Diller Telephone Co.	371540

² See Connect America Fund; ETC Annual Reports and Certifications, WC Docket Nos. 10-90, 14-58, Report and Order and Further Notice of Proposed Rulemaking, 29 FCC Rcd 8769 (2014).

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Eastern Nebraska Telephone Co.	371542
Elsie Communications, Co.	371518
Glenwood Membership Corporation	371553
Golden West Telecommunications Coop	391659
Great Plains Communications	371577
Hamilton Telephone Co.	371555
Hartington Telecommunications Co.	371556
Hartman Telephone	371557
Hemingford Cooperative Telephone	371558
Henderson Cooperative Telephone	371559
Hershey Cooperative Telephone	371561
Hooper Telephone Company dba Westel	371563
Huntel Cablevision dba Huntel Communications	379016
K & M Telephone Company	371565
Glenwood Network Services, Inc.	371567
Mobius Communications, Co.	379014
Nebraska Central Telephone	371574
Nebraska Technology and Telecommunications	379004
NE Colorado Cellular dba Viaero Wireless	379008
Northeast Nebraska Telephone	371576
Pierce Telephone Co.	371581
Pinpoint Communications	379003
Plainview Telephone	371582
Qwest Corporation	375143
Rock County Telephone	371586
Sodtown Telephone	371590
Southeast Nebraska Communications, Inc.	371591
Stanton Telecom, Inc.	371592
Three River Telco	371525
Three River Communications, LLC	379015
United States Cellular Corporation (USCOC of Nebraska/Kansas)	379019
United Telephone Company of the West d/b/a CenturyLink	371595
Vivian Telephone	391686
Wauneta Telephone	371597
Windstream Nebraska, Inc.	371568
Skybeam, LLC (CETC)	376137
	376138

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4. Accordingly, the Commission will provide certification to the Administrator of the federal high-cost universal service support mechanisms and the FCC, that the above-listed carriers have used federal high-cost support in the preceding calendar year (2018) and will continue to use federal high-cost universal service support in the coming year (2020) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and/or service for which the support is intended in accordance with § 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

5. Certification in this Order shall not be construed as precedent as to the sufficiency of the information considered acceptable by the Commission in subsequent years.

O R D E R

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED by the Nebraska Public Service Commission that the Department certify to the Administrator of the federal high-cost universal service support mechanisms and the Federal Communications Commission, that the above-listed eligible telecommunications carriers have used and will continue to use in the coming year federal high-cost support only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and/or service for which the support is intended in accordance with § 254(e) of the Telecommunications Act of 1996, as amended.

ENTERED AND MADE EFFECTIVE at Lincoln, Nebraska this 17th day of September, 2019.

NEBRASKA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION

COMMISSIONERS CONCURRING:

Don Watson
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Certified Submissions				
SAC	Carrier Name	Preceding Year	Upcoming Year	Status
371128	CITIZENS-FRONTIER-NE	2018	2020	Certified Online
371516	ARAPAHOE TEL CO	2018	2020	Certified Online
371517	ARLINGTON TEL CO	2018	2020	Certified Online
371518	ELSIE COMM., INC.	2018	2020	Certified Online
371524	BLAIR TEL CO	2018	2020	Certified Online
371525	THREE RIVER TELCO	2018	2020	Certified Online
371526	CAMBRIDGE TEL CO -NE	2018	2020	Certified Online
371530	CONSOLIDATED TELCO	2018	2020	Certified Online
371531	CLARKS TELECOM CO.	2018	2020	Certified Online
371532	CONSOLIDATED TEL CO	2018	2020	Certified Online
371534	COZAD TEL CO	2018	2020	Certified Online
371536	CURTIS TEL CO	2018	2020	Certified Online

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54.314(a) State-Certification

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Re: CC Docket No. 96-45/WC Docket No. 14-58, Annual State Certification of support for Eligible Telecommunications Carriers Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. & 54.314

Pursuant to the requirements of 47 C.F.R § 54.314, the **Nebraska Public Service Commission** hereby certifies to the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) and the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC) that the eligible telecommunications carriers (ETCs) listed below are eligible to receive federal high-cost support for the program years cited.

The **Nebraska Public Service Commission** certifies that for the carriers listed all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within **NEBRASKA** was used in the preceding calendar year (2018) and will be used in the coming calendar year (2020) only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended.¹

ETCs CERTIFIED BY Nebraska Public Service Commission

CARRIER	SAC
HENDERSON CO-OP TEL	371559
HERSHEY COOP TEL CO	371561
HOOPER TEL CO	371563
K & M TEL CO, INC	371565
Glenwood Network Services, Inc	371567
NEBRASKA CENTRAL TEL	371574
GREAT PLAINS COMMUN	371577
PIERCE TEL CO	371581
PLAINVIEW TEL CO	371582
ROCK COUNTY TEL CO	371586
SODTOWN TEL CO	371590
SE NEBRASKA TEL CO	371591
STANTON TELECOM INC.	371592
UTC OF THE WEST-NE	371595
WAUNETA TEL CO	371597
BENKELMAN TEL CO	372455
NORTHEAST NEBRASKA TEL. CO.	371576
ARAPAHOE TEL CO	371516
ARLINGTON TEL CO	371517
BLAIR TEL CO	371524

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.314(a) ("Certification. States that desire eligible telecommunications carriers to receive support pursuant to the high-cost program must file an annual certification with the Administrator and the Commission stating that all federal high-cost support provided to such carriers within that State was used in the preceding calendar year and will be used in the upcoming calendar year only for the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended. High-cost support shall only be provided to the extent that the State has filed the requisite certification pursuant to this section.")

ETCs CERTIFIED BY Nebraska Public Service Commission

CARRIER	SAC
THREE RIVER TELCO	371525
CAMBRIDGE TEL CO -NE	371526
CONSOLIDATED TELCO	371530
CLARKS TELECOM CO.	371531
CONSOLIDATED TEL CO	371532
COZAD TEL CO	371534
CURTIS TEL CO	371536
DALTON TEL CO, INC	371537
DILLER TEL CO	371540
EASTERN NEBRASKA TEL	371542
GLENWOOD TEL MEMBER	371553
HAMILTON TEL CO	371555
HARTINGTON TEL CO	371556
HARTMAN TEL EXCH INC	371557
HEMINGFORD COOP TEL	371558
Skybeam, LLC	376137
Skybeam, LLC	376138
WINDSTREAM NE	371568
QWEST CORP-NE	375143
CITIZENS-FRONTIER-NE	371128
CONSOLIDATED TELECOM	371562
NORTH EAST COLORADO CELLULAR, INC.	379008
HUNTEL CABLEVISION DBA HUNTEL COMMUNICATIONS	379016
USCOC OF NEBRASKA/KANSAS LLC DBA U.S. CELLULAR	379019
THREE RIVER COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	379015
NEBRASKA TECH. & TELECOMMUNICATIONS, INC.	379004
ALLO COMMUNICATIONS, LLC	379010
MOBIUS COMMUNICATIONS COMPANY, HEMINGFORD	379014
ELSIE COMM., INC.	371518
PINPOINT COMMUNICATIONS, INC.	379003

ETCs CERTIFIED BY Nebraska Public Service Commission

CARRIER	SAC
GOLDEN WEST TELECOMM	391659
VIVIAN TELEPHONE CO	391686

Signed,

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